

REMARKS

Applicant elects claims 22-24 of Group II without traverse. The Examiner states that claims 8-10, 15, 16 and 19 were still present and pending in the application. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby leaving elected claims 22-24 and newly added claims 25-27 for prosecution in this application. Newly added claims 25-27 are patentable over the cited art. Claims 22-24 overcome the § 102 rejections for the reasons set forth below.

As amended, the method of claim 22 includes mounting a tray that includes an open groove. Furthermore, as amended, claim 22 recites placing a cover in proximity to the first and second longitudinal edges to close the groove and conceal the cable in the groove.

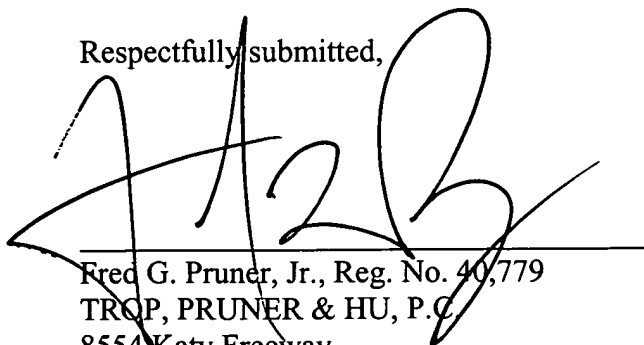
The Examiner contends that the dash panel disclosed in Neirinck allegedly teaches the cover of claim 22. However, claim 22, as now amended, recites that the cover closes an open groove and is placed in proximity to the first and second longitudinal edges. These features are neither taught nor suggested by Neirinck. Therefore, for at least this reason, it is submitted that amended claim 22 overcomes the § 102 rejection.

Claims 23 and 24 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the § 102 rejections and a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MCT-0107-00-US).

Respectfully submitted,



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